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SUBJECT: SENATOR MANSFIELD'S VISIT TO HONG KONG

REF: A. HONG KONG 63; B. HONG KONG 69

1. SENATOR MANSFIELD AND GROUP DEPARTED HONG KONG JANUARY 4 AFTER FIVE-DAY STAY IN HONG KONG, MOSTLY DEVOTED TO WRITING UP REPORT ON PRC VISIT FOR PRESIDENT. AT SENATOR'S REQUEST ON JANUARY 3 WE MET WITH SENATOR AND MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS TO GIVE BRIEFING AND ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS RE PRC DEVELOPMENTS. SENATOR DID NOT OFFER AND WE DID NOT PROBE RE DELEGATION IMPRESSIONS ABOUT PRC.

2. GENERAL THRUST OF SENATOR'S QUESTIONS WAS CLEARLY CENTERED ON DELINEATING AND FLESHING OUT U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT IMPEDE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.- PRC RELATIONS. THUS QUESTIONS WERE FOCUSED UPON (A) CURRENT PRC TRADE PICTURE AND FUTURE TRENDS INCLUDING U.S.-PRC TRADE IMBALANCES AND CURRENT STATUS OF PRC PURCHASES OF U.S. GRAINS AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS; (B) PRC OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION, INTEREST OF U.S. OIL COMPANIES IN OFF-SHORE AREAS, POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED PRC SALE OF OIL TO OFFSET FOREIGN TRADE IMBALANCES AND PRC INTERESTS AND POLICIES RE ACQUISITION OF U.S. OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY;
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(C) U.S. TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN INCLUDING

EXIM LOANS AND OPIC GUARANTEES (ABOUT WHICH WE PLEADED ONLY
CURSORY KNOWLEDGE.

3. SENATOR'S QUESTIONS ALSO SHOWED INTEREST IN PRC POLICIES ON
ALLOWING EMIGRATION FROM CHINA AND HONG KONG'S UNIQUE ROLE AS
TRANSIT POINT AND HAVEN FOR BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
FROM PRC. HE SOUGHT TO CLARIFY DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN SOVIET AND
PRC RESTRICTIONS ON EMIGRATION AS THIS POINT RELATES TO
JACKSON AMENDMENT-U.S. TRADE BILL ASPECTS. RE NARCOTICS
SITUATION, SENATOR SEEMED PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN CONFIRMING
THAT PEKING IS NOT INVOLVED IN ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
TRADE AND THAT PRC HAS ERADICATED INTERNAL DRUG PROBLEM.

4. AT SENATOR'S REQUEST A MEMORANDUM RE LEGAL AND ILLEGAL
IMMIGRATION TO HONG KONG FROM PRC, DATA SHEETS ON U.S. AGRICULTURAL
EXPORTS TO THE PRC FOR 1973 AND 1974, A ONE-PAGE PAPER ON PRC
OIL SALES TO THE PHILIPPINES, A COPY OF CIA'S "CHINA" PETROLEUM
EXPORT PROSPECTS," AND A COPY OF JAN-OLAF WILLUMS' "PROSPECTS
FOR OFF-SHORE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRC' WERE PROVIDED
DELEGATION. COPIES OF THE PAPERS PREPARED BY AMCONGEN ARE
BEING POUCHED TO EA/PRCM.
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